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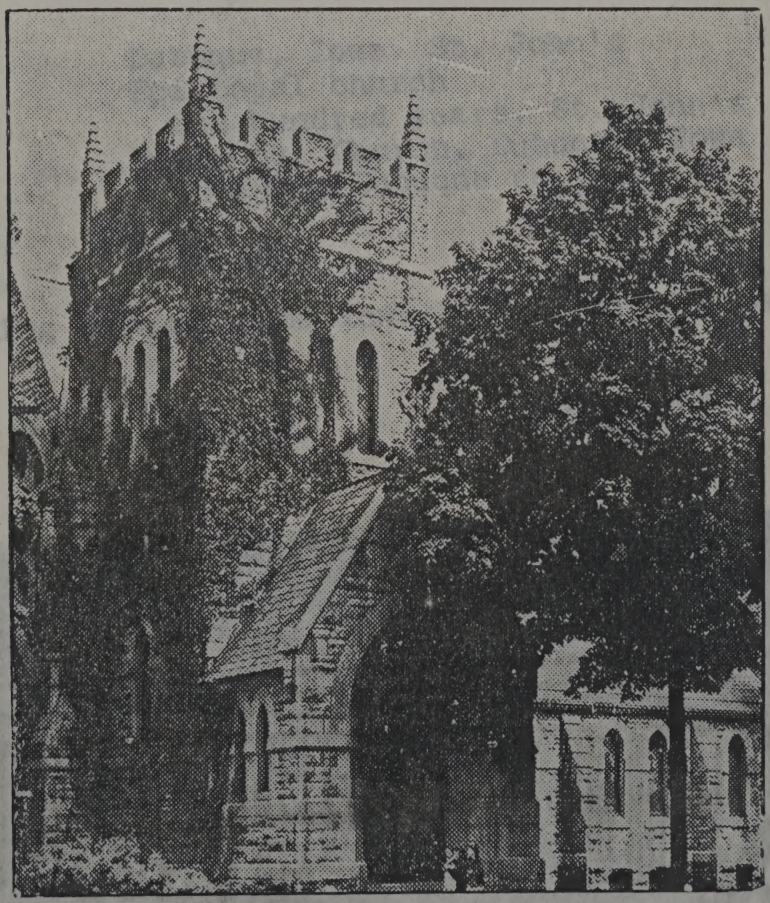

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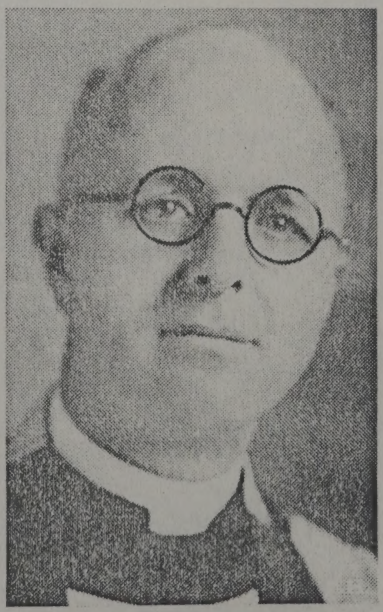

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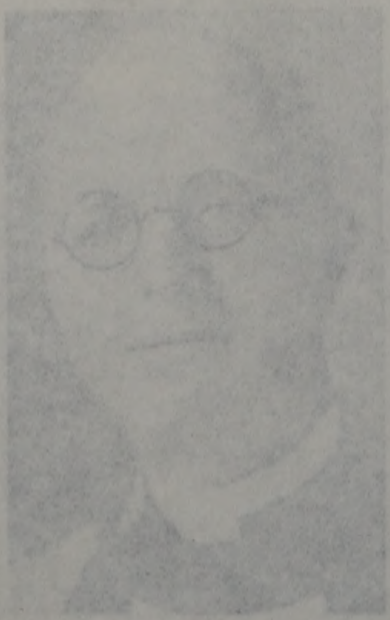

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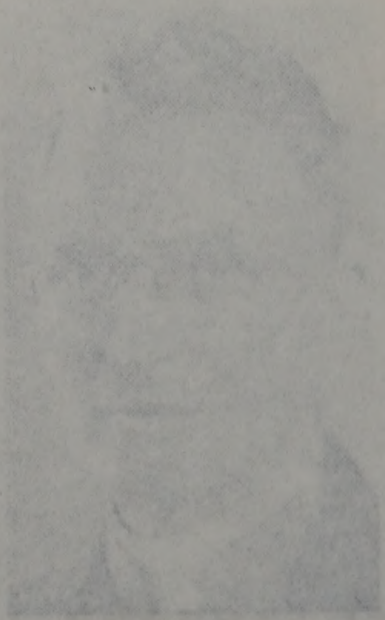

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Low Sunday

THE ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY

April 8, 1945

8 A.M.—*Holy Communion.*

Special Intention: Prayers of Thanksgiving for 100 years of the life of the Parish.

11 A.M.—*Festival Procession, Solemn Te Deum, Holy Confirmation.*

Preacher: The Rt. Reverend Elwood L. Haines, D.D.

5 P.M.—All Youth Rally in the Church Crypt.

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Monday, April 9, 1945

Open House and Program—Parish House..... 8 to 10 P.M.

NOTE: The Bishop, Rector, and Choir will broadcast from Station KDTH Sunday, April 8th, from 9:30 to 10 A.M.

The Program at the Open House on Monday, April 9th, will also be carried over KDTH from 8:30 to 9 P.M.

The Centennial Festival Service

Prelude—*A Hymn of Thanksgiving*.....Dubois

Processional—*Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*.....Hymn 385

1 Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Sion, city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken,
Formed thee for his own abode;
On the Rock of Ages founded,
What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

2 See, the streams of living waters
Springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters,
And all fear of want remove.
Who can faint, when such a river
Ever will their thirst assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver,
Never fails from age to age.

3 Round each habitation hovering,
See the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a covering,
Showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner,
Light by night, and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna
Which he gives them when they pray.

4 Blest inhabitants of Sion,
Washed in the Redeemer's blood!
Jesus, whom their souls rely on,
Makes them kings and priests to God.
'Tis his love his people raises
Over self to reign as kings:
And as priests, his solmen praises
Each for a thank-offering brings.

Priest—"Lord, I have loved the habitation of Thine House and the place where Thine honor dwelleth."

Bishop—"Peace be to this house and to all that dwell therein; peace be to them that go in and to them that come out. Alleluia!"

Office Hymn—*Our Father Whose House Was Built*.....Hymn 505

1 Our Father, by whose servants
Our house was built of old,
Whose hand hath crowned her children
With blessings manifold,
For thine unfailing mercies
Far strewn along our way,
With all who passed before us,
We praise Thy name today.

2 The changeful years unresting
Their silent course have sped,
New comrades ever bringing
In comrades' steps to tread:
And some are long forgotten,
Long spent their hopes and fears;
Safe rest they in Thy keeping,
Who changest not with years.

3 They reap not where they labored;
We reap what they have sown;
Our harvest may be garnered
By ages yet unknown.
The days of old have dowered us
With gifts beyond all praise:
Our Father, make us faithful
To serve the coming days.

4 Before us and beside us,
Still holden in thine hand
A cloud unseen of witness
Our elder comrades stand:
One family unbroken,
We join with one acclaim,
One heart, one voice uplifting,
To glorify Thy Name.

Priest—"Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God."

(All Kneeling.)

Almighty and most merciful Father; We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind In Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Bishop will pronounce the Absolution.

The Lord's Prayer.

Priest—"O Lord, open thou our lips."

Answer—"And our mouth shall show forth Thy praise."

Priest—"Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost."

Answer—"As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen."

Psalm 48. (To be said responsively.)

1 Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised * in the city of our God, even upon his holy hill.
2 The hill of Sion is a fair place, and the joy of the whole earth; * upon the north side lieth the city of the great King: God is well known in her palaces as a sure refuge.
3 For lo, the kings of the earth * were gathered, and gone by together.
4 They marvelled to see such things; * they were astonished, and suddenly cast down.
5 Fear came there upon them; and sorrow, * as upon a woman in her travail.
6 Thou dost break the ships of the sea * through the east-wind.
7 Like as we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God; * God upholdeth the same for ever.
8 We wait for thy loving-kindness, O God, * in the midst of thy temple.
9 O God according to thy Name, so is thy praise unto the world's end; * thy right hand is full of righteousness.
10 Let the mount Sion rejoice, and the daughters of Judah be glad, * because of thy judgments.
11 Walk about Sion, and go round about her; * and tell the towers thereof.
12 Mark well her bulwarks, consider her palaces, * that ye may tell them that come after.
13 For this God is our God for ever and ever: * he shall be our guide unto death.

The Lesson: Revelation 21:2-5.

Te Deum Laudamus ..... Dudley Buck

We praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.

To thee all Angels cry aloud; the Heavens, and all the Powers therein;

To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry,

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;

Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of thy glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles praise thee.

The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise thee.

The noble army of Martyrs praise thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee;

The Father of an infinite Majesty;
Thine adorable, true, and only Son;
Also the Holy Ghost the Comforter.

Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.

When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, thou didst humble thyself to be born of a Virgin.

When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.

We believe that thou shalt come to be our Judge.

We therefore pray thee, help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with thy Saints, in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save thy people, and bless thine heritage.

Govern them, and lift them up for ever.

Day by day we magnify thee;

And we worship thy Name ever, world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us, as our trust is in thee.

O Lord, in thee have I trusted; let me never be confounded.

The Apostle's Creed:

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost: The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints: The Forgiveness of sins: The Resurrection of the body: And the Life everlasting. Amen.

The Order of Confirmation ..... Prayerbook Page 296

Confirmation Hymn—*Breathe on Me, Breath of God.*

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Fill me with life anew.
That I may love what thou dost love,
And do what thou wouldst do.

2 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Until my heart is pure,
Until with thee I will one will,
To do or to endure.

3 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Till I am wholly thine,
Till all this earthly part of me
Glows with thy fire divine.

4 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
So shall I never die;
But live with thee the perfect life
Of thine eternity.

Veni Creator Spiritus

1 Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
And lighten with celestial fire.

2 Thou the anointing Spirit art,
Who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.

3 Thy blessed unction from above
Is comfort, life, and fire of love.

4 Enable with perpetual light
The dullness of our blinded sight.

5 Anoint and cheer our soiled face
With the abundance of thy grace.

6 Keep far our foes, give peace at home:
Where thou art guide, no ill can come.

7 Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And thee of both to be but One,

8 That, through the ages all along,
This may be our endless song

9 Praise to thy eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Sermon Hymn—*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*....Hymn 384

1 Christ is made the sure foundation
Christ the head and corner-stone.
Chosen of the Lord, and precious,
Binding all the Church in one;
Holy Sion's help for ever,
And her confidence alone.

2 All that dedicated city,
Dearly loved of God on high,
In exultant jubilation
Pours perpetual melody;
God the One in Three adoring
In glad hymns eternally.

3 To this temple, where we call thee,
Come, O Lord of Hosts, to-day;
With thy wonted loving-kindness,
Hear thy servants as they pray:
And thy fullest benediction
Shed within its walls alway.

4 Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
What they ask of thee to gain,
What they gain from thee, for ever
With the blessed to retain,
And hereafter in thy glory
Evermore with thee to reign.

Sermon by the Right Reverend, the Bishop of Iowa.

Presentation of the Centennial Rehabilitation Offering.

Anthem—*Sing Alleluia Forth*.... ..... Dudley Buck

Sing Alleluia forth in duteous praise, O citizens of heaven;
And gladly raise an endless, endless Alleluia.
Ye next who stand before the Eternal Light
In Hymning choirs,
Re-echo to the height,
An endless alleluia.

The Holy City shall take up the strain,
And with glad songs resounding wake again,
An endless alleluia.
In blissful antiphons ye thus rejoice,
To render to the Lord with gladsome voice
An endless alleluia.
Ye who have gained at length your palms in bliss,
Victorious ones, your chant shall still be this:
An endless alleluia.
There is one loud acclaim, forever raise the strains
Which tell the honor of our King,
An endless alleluia.
This is the rest for weary ones brought back,
This is the food and drink which none shall lack,
An endless alleluia.
While Thee, by whom all things were made, we praise forever,
And tell out in sweetest ways,
An endless alleluia.
Almighty Christ, to Thee our voices sing,
Glory forevermore.
To Thee we bring an endless, endless, endless alleluia!

The Doxology.

America ..... Hymn 146

1 God bless our native land;
Firm may she ever stand
Through storm and night:
When the wild tempests rave,
Ruler of wind and wave.
Do thou our country save
By thy great might.

2 For her our prayers shall rise
To God, above the skies;
On Him we wait;
Thou who art ever nigh,
Guarding with watchful eye,
To Thee aloud we cry,
God save the state!

Prayers for those serving in the forces of our country.

The Hymn of Peace ..... Hymn 528

O God of love, O King of peace
Make wars throughout the world to cease;
The wrath of sinful man restrain.
Give peace, O God, give peace again!

Prayers and Thanksgiving:

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered and whose goodness passeth man's understanding, whose bounty is infinite, we give Thee humble and hearty thanks for the gifts which Thou hast bestowed on us especially for the Vision and Faith and Courage of the Founders of this Parish: G. L. Nightengale, J. P. Evans, E. M. Bissell, Richard Plumb, Charles Pelan, R. Sharp, A. Garner. Grant to these men the abundance of Thy heavenly grace and let light perpetual shine upon them, Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Eternal God, Mighty in Power and of Majesty incomprehensible, whom the heaven of heavens cannot contain, much less the walls of

temples made with hands, we remember before Thee this day the many blessings Thou hast granted to Thy children of this House during these One Hundred Years. We praise and magnify Thy glorious Name that it hath pleased Thee to hear the prayers of Thy servants who have called upon Thee here, to vouchsafe to be present with those who have gathered here for the reading of Thy Holy Word, for celebrating Thy Holy Sacraments, for blessing Thy people in Thy Name, and for all Holy Offices conducted here. Accept these services at our hands, O Lord, and we beseech Thee to continue to be with us that Thy Holy Name may be worshipped in truth and purity for all generations to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, who didst put into the hearts of David and Solomon to build a house to the glory of Thy Name, mercifully grant that whosoever shall draw near to thee in this place, to give thee thanks for the benefits which they have received at thy hands, to set forth thy most worthy praise, to confess their sins unto thee, and to ask such things as are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as for the soul, may do it with such steadiness of faith, and with such seriousness, affection, and devotion of mind, that thou mayest accept their bounden duty and service, and vouchsafe to give whatever in thy infinite wisdom thou shalt see to be most expedient for them. All which we beg for Jesus Christ's sake, our most blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

The Benediction:

God, the Fountain and Source of all blessings, fill you, gathered together in this House at this Centennial Service, with all wisdom and spiritual understanding, preserve in you soundness of faith, steadfastness of hope and charity and holy patience; hearken unto your prayers here and in all places, blot out your sins, drive afar your enemies, and bring you after this Festival to the unending Festival of the Church above. Amen.

Recessional—*Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones* ..... Hymn 599

1 Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
Bright seraphs, cherubim and thrones,
Raise the glad strain, Alleluia!
Cry out dominions, princedoms, powers,
Virtues, archangels, angels' choirs.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

O higher than the cherubim,
More glorious than the seraphim,
Lead their praise, Alleluia!
Thou bearer of the eternal Word,
Most gracious, magnify the Lord,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

3 Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
Ye patriarchs and prophets blest,
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,
All saints triumphant, raise the song,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

4 O friends, in gladness let us sing,
Supernal anthems echoing,
Alleluia, Alleluia!
To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude—*Toccata* ..... Sowerby

One Hundred Years
At St. John's

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One hundred years are a great many in the life of an individual; only a few in the story of our world. History tells us that one war in the middle ages lasted for 100 years; Christianity is only 19 times 100 years old, so one can feel that St. John's, proudly celebrating its 100th birthday, is not really so very old, actually, but now that its "eye teeth" are cut, this parish, so revered and loved during its century of existence, will continue its splendid traditions of the past into its second and what may be even more glorious century.

Dubuque, the oldest settlement in Iowa, was also the first to receive the services of the Episcopal church, for in 1834-35 the first missionary service held in Iowa was conducted here by the Rev. Henry Tullidge, Grace church, Galena, Ill., and in 1836, Dubuque became a missionary station. In June of that year, Bishop Kemper assigned the Rev. Ezekiel Gear to Galena and Dubuque.

In the late fall of the following year, the Rev. Richard F. Cadle, formerly of Detroit, Mich., and Green Bay and Navarino, Wis., spent some time in Dubuque en route from New York to his new assignment as missionary at the then military post of Prairie du Chien, Wis., and the following spring this clergyman returned to Dubuque and held church services on two successive Sundays. His report shows that even then some efforts were being made to build an Episcopal church in Dubuque, for he informed Bishop Kemper about $450 had been raised for such a purpose by early 1838.

Bishop Kemper, whose headquarters were at Nashotah House, Wis., maintained a lively interest in the missions at Dubuque, just as he did in missions established throughout the vast jurisdiction over which he presided, and in the winter of 1844 the first resi-

dent minister was assigned—the Rev. Daniel Murphy, a deacon sent from the Diocese of Michigan.

Papers on file in the county recorder's office, placed on record April 2, 1845, show that St. John's church was formally organized March 31, 1845, pursuant to a notice the previous day made from the pulpit by Mr. Murphy, and with the Rev. James De Pui of Galena presiding at the meeting, which was held in a stone building, formerly known as the Presbyterian church or meeting house. First order of business was the election of E. M. Bissell as secretary, and then those present resolved to form "a church of the Protestant Episcopal order in communion with the Protestant Episcopal church of the United States of America to be known by the name and style of St. John's church." Vestrymen were then chosen, with E. M. Bissell, J. P. Evans, R. Sharp, Alonzo Garner, George L. Nightingale, R. Plumb, and C. Pelan selected. Two members of the parish are grandchildren of the first vestrymen—Mr. E. F. Lusch, a grandson of J. P. Evans, and Miss Eleanor Little, a granddaughter of George L. Nightingale.

In 1846, the Rev. Mr. De Pui accepted the rectorship of the new church and it is actually at this time that the active life of the parish began. His earnest efforts led to early plans for the church's first building, for which Bishop Kemper laid the cornerstone May 14, 1848, at Ninth and Locust Streets, a site now occupied by the Odd Fellows Temple. Members of this first building committee were A. Gillespie, C. H. Borst, C. Pelan, Richard Plumb, and John H. Curtis, Jr. The son of the church's first rector, while on a western trip, was scalped by the Indians, and grief over her son's tragic death caused Mrs. De Pui to become mentally unbalanced, and early in 1849 Mr. De Pui gave up his rectorship.

From May, 1849, until Oct. 31, 1850, St. John's was without a stated minister, but on that latter date the Rev. R. D. Brooke, a Virginian, arrived from his native state to become pastor of the church. The following April, work on the new church building had progressed to a point where its use was permitted and on April 13, 1851, Bishop Kemper consecrated the building.

Mr. Brooke remained at St. John's until 1862, when the ill feelings engendered by the war between the states effected such

a cleavage it forced some of the membership to demand that the pious Virginian preach a sermon favoring the Union cause. Instead, he preached from the text, "I am determined to know nothing among you save Jesus Christ," and his removal followed, with Bishop Lee assigning him as a professor at Griswold College.

Leaders of the vestry during Mr. Brooke's 12 years as rector were Gen. Caleb Booth, Gen. John Hodgdon, Richard Plumb, and C. Pelan, while Mr. Grosvenor and the Wares formed the choir —and the families of William Marshall, Thomas Henney, John Norman, Abraham Levans, Richard Cox, and Mrs. Anne Otley and others were in the Sunday School over which Mr. George Burden and Gen. Hodgdon presided as leaders.

Following Mr. Brooke's departure, the Rev. John C. Bonte served for two years and the Rev. George W. DuBois was the rector for three years. The latter was highly successful in youth work, loving children and bringing many to Holy Baptism, and he established a woman's society and a small choir of boys.

It was during these years that the Bishop Lee Seminary for Young Ladies was built in Dubuque, named for the Rt. Rev. H. W. Lee, Bishop of Iowa, and their building was afterwards occupied by a Catholic academy for many years. Bishop Lee raised a great deal of the money for this school among church people in the east and among the heaviest contributors was a sister of the famous Henry Ward Beecher.

In our own parish records, we find this reference to the seminary in the report of Mr. DuBois' in 1866: "The Bishop Lee Seminary is now re-opened with a most encouraging prospect of abundant success, under the charge of the Rev. F. E. Judd, assisted in the various departments appertaining to an accomplished education by a number of experienced teachers. Extensive improvevents are being made in the adornment of the grounds." Our senior warden, Mr. Deming, who came to Dubuque in 1867 remembers both Mr. Judd and the young ladies seminary, and the furore locally when Bishop Perry, upon becoming Bishop of Iowa in 1876, sold the school and invested the money in Griswold College in Davenport.

The rector's report in 1866 also showed about 500 individual members in the parish, with a Sunday school of 190 scholars and 22 teachers. That year, $2,550 was paid on the church debt.

With the arrival of the Rev. Charles H. Seymour in 1868 came the plea for a new church—a need often expressed but interfered with in its culmination by the panic of 1857 and then the war between the states. At the first vestry meeting attended by the new rector, his greeting was, "What you need is a new church," and the present St. John's is the outcome.

A lot at Fourteenth (now Loras) and Main Streets was secured for the new buildings—~~but recollections conflict regarding how it was obtained, some insisting Gen. Hodgdon gave it and others asserting~~ Women of the parish purchased the lot.

For 20 years there was work on the new church edifice and it was not until 1926 that the last detail of the plan of the architect Congdon was completed with the building of the tower, making St. John's a notable example of French Gothic architecture.

Many difficulties had to be surmounted before the church could become a reality. In 1874, when ground was broken, quicksand was discovered, and because a much deeper foundation was required, $10,000 additional money was needed. Although the cornerstone was dated in 1875, it was not actually laid until 1877.

All made heroic efforts to raise sufficient funds to finish the work once it was under way, but none more than the Sunday School, which contributed $1,552 to the building fund, represented by the pillars and arches of the church, as well as the font, the silver communion service, the alms basins, the great Bible, the altar vases, and other furniture to the value of $1,243, a total of $2,765 given by the Sunday School.

Two fairs were held by the women of the church—at one of which events Mr. Deming sold tickets—and raised a large sum. The basement of the church was finished in 1879 or 1880 and services were held there until 1882 when the main part of the edifice was ready for use.

One of the most notable events in the move to the new building was the transfer of the Sunday School, an event still recalled by several members of the parish. The Sunday School, under the superintendency of Mr. Van Duzee, met at 2:00 o'clock Sunday afternoons and had a membership of nearly 400 at the time of its removal to the new church. The school was so large, at-

tracting children from all faiths, that it had become necessary to hold some classes in nearby buildings.

When the time for the removal to the new building came, the entire membership marched up Locust Street, with banners flying, an occasion that attracted city-wide attention..

First services in the new church were before pews were installed, chairs being used to accommodate the congregation. Meanwhile, the old church building on Ninth Street was sold to a religious organization known as the Campbellites, now the Christian Church. Later, when this organization disbanded, they sold the old building and it was torn down, and at that time a metal box inserted in the cornerstone was recovered and its contents have been preserved, including a Bible, a prayer book, a list of church officers, some coins current at that time, and a daily St. Louis newspaper.

In 1881, Mr. Seymour resigned as rector, and from 1881 until 1883, the Rev. Abdiel Ramsay served in that capacity, when he was succeeded by the Rev. Abraham Beach Carter, D.D., who was much loved, but whose age precluded active work, so in 1887, they called back Mr. Seymour and within a short time, $26,000 was raised and in the rectorship of his successor, the Rev. William B. Walker (1889-1892), the new church was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. William Stevens Perry, Bishop of Iowa, with Gen. and Mrs. Booth and Mrs. C. Pelan the sole representatives of the little band who organized the church in 1845.

Rev. W. D. Benton was the next rector, coming in April, 1892, and serving until Easter, 1899. Mrs. Benton was named choir director, and women's voices supplied the soprano. During his rectorship, the church's semi-centennial was held, at which Bishop Perry officiated, assisted by the archdeacons of Davenport and Waverly and the Rev. Robert D. Brooke, St. John's rector many years before.

His successor was the Rev. Frederic William Keator, who remained from November, 1899, until December, 1901, when he was elevated to the bishopric of Olympia, Wash. He was consecrated in St. John's Jan. 6, 1902, of historic interest not only to this parish but to the Church in Iowa, for Dr. Keator was the first Episcopal bishop consecrated in this state. The Rev.

John C. Sage, his successor at St. John's, served as master of ceremonies at the consecration. At this service, the procession formed in the crypt, passed upstairs and entered through the north door and down the center aisle, led by Lester Bradley, cross bearer; then came the master of ceremonies, the clergy of the diocese in the order of their ordination, visiting clergy, and the clerical members of the standing committee. The second part of the procession was led by Frank Ross, cross bearer, with the bishop-elect folowing, leading the visiting bishops in the order of their consecration.

Mr. Sage came to Dubuque in 1902, and his family was the first to occupy the Peabody home, Loras Boulevard and Locust Street, when it became the property of the church in 1906. John C. Norton's boys' choir was an outstanding feature of his rectorate, which continued until 1911. Later, ~~in 1918,~~ Mr. Sage was consecrated as Bishop of the Missionary District of Salina ~~and was consecrated~~ in Keokuk, Iowa, Jan. 17, 1918.

On Nov. 1, 1911, the Rev. John Dysart came to St. John's from Olean, N. Y., where he had served as assistant rector of St. Steven's Church. In a short time he was joined by his sister, Miss Caroline Dysart, who had been teaching in a girls' school in Egypt. Miss Dysart was active in both church and civic affairs. She died here in 1920.

In addition to his parochial duties, Dr. Dysart was active in the grand lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and served as that fraternity's national chaplain for a number of years.

Under Dr. Dysart's direction, a parish directory was issued in June, 1913, including an historical sketch of the parish, written many years earlier by Mrs. Marcia Bready, and from which much of the material for this history has been secured. This directory, of great interest today, contains a list of parish officers, Sunday School officers, women's organizations, and other pertinent facts about St. John's of that day. The vestry in 1913 included J. K. Deming, senior warden; E. C. Peaslee, Jr., junior warden; E. B. Lyons, Charles S. Robinson, A. J. Parker, Fred C. Robinson, F. H. Wiehe, John Spencer, E. C. Lusch, Dr. Blocklinger, T. W. Ruete, and C. W. Richards.

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In 1923, Dr. Dysart left Dubuque to become rector of St. Paul's Church, Flint, Mich., and his death occurred in Flint in 1938. His ashes were interred later in Linwood cemetery, and almost annually high officials of the Elks fraternity make a pilgrimage to his monument there to pay him honor.

Our present rector, the Rev. John E. Flockhart, and Mrs. Flockhart, arrived in Dubuque in late November, 1923, and Mr. Flockhart conducted his first service on Sunday, Nov. 25, 1923. Before his arrival, the vestry made an apartment out of the second floor of the Peabody mansion and converted the first floor into a parish house. Mr. Flockhart came to Dubuque from Lead, S. D.

On Oct. 24, 1926, our church celebrated the 50th anniversary of the laying of its cornerstone, at which the new marble altar was dedicated. Distinguished guests present included Bishop Longley, Dr. Harry Gilbert, Oelwein, Dr. Dysart, and the Rev. Mr. Steele, Galena. The altar was the gift of Mrs. Mary Hodgdon Blocklinger as a memorial to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hodgdon, pioneer members of St. John's Church. The altar is of Botaccino marble, quarried and cut in Italy, and was designed by Gorham, New York ecclesiastical artists.

In 1926, the vestry was composed of J. K. Deming, senior warden, who became a vestryman before 1888 and senior warden in 1910; E. C. Peaslee, junior warden, F. B. Lacy, C. W. Richards, C. A. Reed, E. F. Lusch, H. J. Gill, A. C. Ruprecht, E. B. Lyons, F. R. Parker, H. Phillips, and W. Clewell.

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In February, 1927, the four-day convention of the Diocese of Iowa was held in Dubuque at St. John's.

Another historical occasion was the celebration by Mr. Flockhart of the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood, at which the Rt. Rev. Bishop E. V. Shaler, of Nebraska, was the preacher.

Of necessity, much of personal interest to many members of the parish has been omitted from this all-too-short sketch. Many members of other years who contributed much to the founding, growth, and upbuilding of St. John's go unmentioned, but their fine works will always be remembered by those who love and cherish their memories.

No effort has been made to enumerate and catalogue the memorials in the church, including the many beautiful windows, an inspiration to all, now as in former days, but a study of them is recommended to the younger and newer members of the parish.

In closing, however, particular mention must be included of the great work through the years of our senior warden, Mr. Deming, not only for the parish of St. John's, but for the Church in Iowa and in America. Actively associated with the parish since his arrival in Dubuque as a boy in 1867, he has been a vestryman for 56 years or more, and senior warden for 35 years. His record equals and exceeds that of Gen. Booth, who was vestryman from 1847 until 1898, and a warden from 1864 on.

It is with hope and confidence in the future that we of St. John's celebrate this 100th anniversary of the founding of this parish, as we look back with fulsome pride in the accomplishments of the past over vicissitudes that seemed almost unsurmountable then, just as some of the trials of today appear to us now.

With God's grace, St. John's marches on, full grown now, and confident of triumphs for Him and in His name in the future.

Officers of St. John's Parish

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*Dr. Donald Leik	Harry Glasson	Nelson Kenney
Donald Chamberlain	Otto Henker	Willard D. Mabee
A. J. Hardy	David S. Hartig	Mervyn Dew-Brittain

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Mrs. John E. Flockhart

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Business Women's Club.....Mrs. C. W. Richards, President
Women's Auxiliary.....Mrs. A. W. Merrill, President
Couples Club.....Harry Glasson, President
St. Agnes Guild.....Mrs. Harry Phillips, President
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